**PARK COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY**
**RESOLUTION TO STRENGTHEN PENALTIES FOR SEXUAL OFFENSES AND PROTECT**
VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS

***WHEREAS,*** the protection of children and vulnerable individuals is a fundamental responsibility of government and a core priority of the Park County Republican Party, and

***WHEREAS,*** crimes such as rape, sexual assault, and the exploitation of minors inflict severe and limiting harm on victims. families, and communities, and

***WHEREAS,*** strong deterrence, meaningful punishment and long-term supervision of offenders are essential to protecting the public and preventing repeat offenses, and

***WHEREAS,*** the Constitution of the United States, including the Eighth Amendment as interpreted by the United States Supreme Court in *Kennedy v. Louisiana* establishes limits on certain punishments, requiring that any policy response remain within constitutional bounds.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:***

I. The Park County Republican Party supports the imposition of the maximum constitutional penalties, including life imprisonment without the possibility of parole, for individuals convicted of rape, sexual assault of a minor. and other serious sexual offenses involving force, coercion, or exploitation.

2. The Park County Republican Party supports legislation providing for enhanced penalties for repeat and aggravated offenders, including mandatory minimum sentences and habitual offender designations.

3 The Park County Republican Party supports lifetime supervision and monitoring of individuals convicted of serious sexual offenses. including sex offender registration, electronic monitoring where appropriate. and strict limitations on contact with minors and other vulnerable individuals.

4. The Park County Republican Party supports increased resources for law enforcement, investigation, and prosecution. including forensic capabilities, to ensure timely and effective enforcement of sexual offense laws.

5. The Park County Republican Party supports policies that prioritize victims, including access to medical care, counseling, and legal support, while ensuring that minors involved in sexual exploitation are treated as victims in need of protection and intervention

6. The Park County Republican Party supports robust enforcement of laws prohibiting child exploitation and constitutionally unprotected obscene materials. consistent with standards articulated in Miller *v. California.*

7. The Park County Republican Party supports preventative and intervention-based measures. including education and rehabilitation programs designed to reduce recidivism while maintaining accountability for criminal conduct.

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT***, this resolution be transmitted to members of the Wyoming Legislature and other appropriate officials, urging the adoption of policies that are both constitutionally sound and firmly committed to protecting the citizens of Wyoming.